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**2 Corinthians
10:3-6**

**“The
REAL
War”**

**³ For though we
walk in the flesh,
we do not war
after the flesh:**

**⁴ (For the weapons
of our
warfare are **not
carnal**, but mighty
through God to the
pulling down of
strong holds;)**

**⁵ Casting down
imaginations, and
every high thing**

**that exalteth itself
against the
knowledge of God,
and bringing into
captivity every
thought to the
obedience of Christ;**

**⁶ And having in a
readiness to
revenge all
disobedience,
when your
obedience is
fulfilled.**

The fact that
the battle
is one which
is unseen
and spiritual is
an often forgotten
truth because
we, humans, tend
to act and react
based on what is
seen and on
what is **felt**.

Believers need to stay
mindful that our
weapons, in the real
war, are not weak.
The word “carnal”,
as used in this
passage, indicates
there is weakness
since it says,
“...not carnal,
but mighty...”

CARNAL, in many Bible
passages, means to be
consumed by fleshly

desires and to live in
opposition to God's will.

Here's what we need
to understand:
We do live in physical
form as the text
confirms, "*though we
walk in the flesh*".
However, the flesh, the
physical, itself, is not a
weapon in this spiritual
battle. The real war is
not physical and there is
no fight-power within

our fleshly bodies.
Strength in this real war
is as invisible and is as
spiritual as the battle
itself.

What is the real war?

The real war is the
ongoing battle for
control over one's flesh,
spirit, and ultimate
destination of one's soul.
The real war consists of
attacks for and against
one's mental, physical,
and spiritual state

of being, but it
cannot be won
by tangible
means.

What are our
powerful weapons?

In general, obedience to
God in everything is our
weapon, but Ephesians
6:10-18 lists more
specific weapons such
as the sword of the
spirit along with other
parts of what is

biblically termed, “the whole armor of God”.

How powerful can
our weapons be?

According to this
2 Corinthians passage,
our weapons are
capable of obliterating
severe bondage.

They can tear down
any imaginable
wicked situation.

They can annihilate
every power that raises
itself against the
knowledge of God.

They are also able to
bring every thought
under control—even
into captivity and
into submission to
the obedience of Christ.

When may we experience
the power of our
weaponry in
the real war?

We may witness our
weapons' power
When we are ready.

This readiness occurs
when we are *really*
serious about
overpowering
disobedience through
complete obedience.

That's when we are
able to gain victories
within the real war.